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RE: Docket no. 98N-1230
Docket no. 96P-0418
Docket no. 97P-0197

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am writing in support of all the above docket numbers, which cumulatively and individually seek to improve the conditions for farmed animals and to specifically end the practice of forced molting.

Forced molting is the cruel custom of starving birds to induce increased egg-laying; it has a negative effect on the animals' health which is passed on to consumers. As the birds starve, their immune levels drop and they develop myriad infectious diseases. This diseased flesh is then eaten by consumers, thousands of whom become sick and some of whom die each year.

No amount of labeling will rectify this situation. Change must come from the industry itself, and I implore you to enact new and better regulations immediately.

Sincerely,



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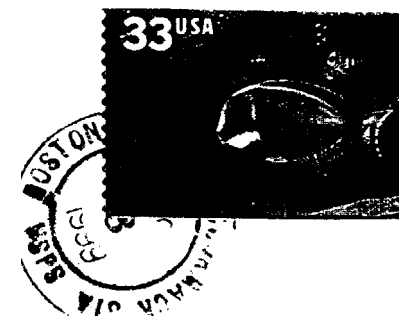
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